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# H. R. 243

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 2007

Mr. WELLER of Illinois introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Combat Military Medi-  
5 cally Retired Veteran’s Fairness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTION TO 20-YEAR SERVICE REQUIREMENT**  
2 **FOR MEMBERS AWARDED THE PURPLE**  
3 **HEART.**

4 (a) ENTITLEMENT.—Section 1413a of title 10,  
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (c), by inserting “GEN-  
7 ERALLY” after “RETIREEES”;

8 (2) by redesignating subsections (d) through (i)  
9 as subsections (e) through (j), respectively; and

10 (3) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
11 lowing new subsection (d):

12 “(d) EXCEPTION TO 20-YEAR SERVICE REQUIRE-  
13 MENT FOR PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS.—In addition to  
14 members described in subsection (c), a member of the uni-  
15 formed services retired under chapter 61 of this title with  
16 less than 20 years of service creditable under section 1405  
17 of this title is an eligible combat-related uniformed serv-  
18 ices retiree for the purposes of subsection (a) if the mem-  
19 ber has a combat-related disability that is attributable to  
20 an injury for which the member was awarded the Purple  
21 Heart. The determination under subsection (b) of the  
22 amount of compensation to be paid to such a member shall  
23 be made without regard to paragraph (3) of such sub-  
24 section.”.

25 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (d) of section  
26 1413a of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-

1 section (a)(3), shall apply with respect to payments of  
2 compensation under such section for months beginning on  
3 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

